



# Congressman Dean Heller

## Second District of Nevada

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### News Release

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### **Heller Introduces Bill to Help Veterans**

(Washington, DC)- Today U.S. Congressman Dean Heller (R-NV) introduced the Veterans Travel Tax Relief Act to help aid veterans across Nevada recoup travel expenses for necessary health care visits to VA facilities.

“One of the most pressing matters for our veterans is the heavy burden and cost of traveling to VA health facilities to receive critical health care. Many veterans throughout Nevada are traveling more than an hour and over great distances in poor health in order to receive primary health care. I think this is unfair and have introduced the Veterans Travel Relief Act to help ease this burden,” said Heller

Heller’s legislation would allow a veteran who lives farther than 25 miles from the nearest VA Medical Center to receive up to \$400 in tax deductions to help compensate travel expenses when receiving treatment for their service connected disability. Currently, VA Medical Centers are in Las Vegas, Reno, Sacramento, and Salt Lake City. This bill will help rural veterans recover the costs of travel for their health care needs.

“I believe that Congress has an obligation to fulfill promises made to our military men and women. Our veterans heroically served our country and made personal sacrifices in the name of freedom. I am extremely concerned about the cost to veterans who must travel these long distances to receive their health care. The Veterans Travel Tax Relief Act will help take steps towards fulfilling our country’s obligations to Nevada’s veterans,” added Heller.

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